



REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 33-36, 54-58 and 91-95 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,200,847 to Mawatari in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,619,358 to Tanaka. However, this contention is respectfully traversed, and it is respectfully suggested that the rejection does not meet the Patent Office's burden of providing a *prima facie* showing of unpatentability. Specifically, it is respectfully suggested that no fair combination of these references would achieve the claimed invention.

The rejected claims require that the first conductive layer is the same material as the scanning lines and the second conductive layer is the same material as the signal lines. The rejection appears to allege that this feature is common. However, it is respectfully suggested that this is an improper "obvious to try" type rejection, and as such, is not properly based. There must be some suggestion in the reference to form the materials in this way. It is respectfully suggested that there is no such suggestion in the cited prior art. It is improper to simply say that it is obvious to make this, without any teaching, suggestion, or any kind of basis whatsoever in the prior art. For these reasons, it is respectfully suggested that the rejection does not meet the Patent Office's burden of providing a *prima facie* showing of unpatentability. In view of the above, it is respectfully suggested that all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

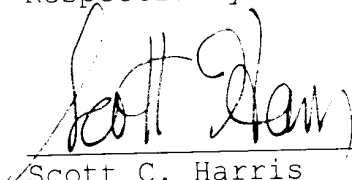


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